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SUBJECT: NATO SYG STATEMENT ON KOSOVO ELECTIONS

On November 17, NATO Secretary General Rasmussen issued the following press release regarding the elections in Kosovo:

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17 Nov. 2009

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Statement by the NATO Secretary General on the elections in Kosovo

I congratulate the authorities in Kosovo for the successful organisation of the elections, and the people of Kosovo for the peaceful way in which voting was carried out.

I am encouraged by the participations (sic) by many Kosovo Serbs, to make their voices heard. NATO will continue to provide a safe and secure environment in Kosovo.

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